

February 2, 2003

Representative Alice Madden
State Capitol Building
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Draft Bill to Streamline CDOT Planning Process

Dear Representative Madden:

Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, Inc. and the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region have taken no position on the proposed Bill to Streamline the CDOT planning process, but do support the study concept.

I have spoken with Joe Tempel on this proposed Bill and I understand the House Transportation Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Both Region 10 and the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region have discussed the proposed Bill. We clearly understand the issue of overlapping Engineering and Commission regions and boundaries. Over the past 10 years the elected officials and staff involved in the transportation planning process have come to understand this overlap. While not ideal, and at times frustrating, we have managed the planning process within this framework.

In the past we have suggested that CDOT conduct such as study as you are proposing. While we continue to support the concept of the study, we believe that the initiative should come from the Colorado Transportation Commission not the Legislature. We would encourage you to work with the Colorado Transportation Commission and encourage their leadership for this study.

We thank you for your time and your support for this study and if we can be of further assistance or offer additional information please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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